

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement requiring applicant to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

- Group I: Claims 1-9 and 16-20, drawn to a device for modulating light that includes bidirectional optical amplifier.
- Group II: Claims 10-15, drawn to an optical modulation apparatus including semiconductor optical amplifiers.

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I containing claims 1-9 and 16-20 for prosecution on the merits. As such, claims 10-15 have been cancelled herein.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 and 16-20 as currently pending in the present application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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